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In Re Application of:

William Hill et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DYNAMICALLY ADAPTING THE
LAYOUT OF A DOCUMENT TO AN
OUTPUT DEVICE

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RESPONSE

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The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following comments and request reconsideration of the Office Action dated December 7, 2001.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 7, 2001 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Claims 35 – 53 are currently pending in the application, claims 1 - 34 having been previously canceled.

Claims 35, 42 - 43 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,943,680 Shimizu et al. (hereinafter “Shimizu”).

Claims 36 – 41, 44 – 47 and 49 – 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu as applied to claims 35, 42 and 48 and further in view of